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SUBJ: LOS WRAP-UP EVENSEN EISCUSSIONS ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RE-  
SEARCH

1. EVENSEN DISCUSSIONS CONCLUDED WITH NO RESOLUTION OF BASIC ISSUES, ALTHOUGH GROUP APPEARS HEADED TOWARD FRUITFUL NEGOTIATION. MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FELT THAT DUE TO POOR REPRESENTATION OF AFRICAN AND ASIAN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ANY CONCESSION WOULD BE PREMATURE. LATIN TACTIC, SUPPORTED BY INDIA, SEEMED TO BE TO FORCE A NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT AND THE GROUP OF 77 TEXT (L.13), WITH THE FOUR COUNTRY-MEXICAN PROPOSAL (L.29) AS A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE SOLUTION. USEFUL WORK WAS DONE ON THE GENERAL ARTICLES, AND THERE WAS A HELPFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE ARTICLES AS WELL AS SPECIFIC COUNTRIES ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS ISSUE.

2. EVENSEN HELD TWO SMALL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY US, INDIA, MEXICO, COLUMBIA, NIGERIA, AUSTRALIA AND USSR. ALTHOUGH ULTIMATE DE-  
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CISION WAS NOT TAKEN, IT APPEARED THAT HE WOULD NOT CIRCULATE A

CHAIRMAN'S TEXT DUE TO THE WIDE DISPARITY OF POSITIONS. MEXICO IS PUTTING PRESSURE ON EVENSEN TO PRODUCE A TEXT AND TO CONSIDER MSR AT ANOTHER SESSION OF GROUP PRIOR TO NY LOS SESSION.

3. THERE WERE SEVERAL POSITIVE ASPECTS OF MEETING. IT WAS FIRST REAL CONSIDERATION OF MSR AT HEAD OF DELEGATION LEVEL, AND EDUCATIONAL EFFECT WAS QUITE NOTICEABLE. IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE MEETING THAT THE BULK OF THE PARTICIPANTS ACCEPT A DISTINCTION BETWEEN TWO TYPES OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND THAT ONE FORM OF RESEARCH SHOULD BE TREATED MORE LIBERALLY THAN THE OTHER. OF APPROACHES PRESENT, TWO HAD GREATEST SUPPORT - SIMPLE COMPLIANCE WITH A LIST OF CONDITIONS; OR CONSENT SHALL NOT BE WITHHELD IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE COMPLIED WITH. THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT AS TO WHAT THE TWO FORMS OF RESEARCH SHOULD BE CALLED OR MORE IMPORTANTLY WHERE THE LINE DIVIDING THE TWO SHOULD BE PLACED. UNDERLYING ALL OF THIS IS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR BOTH AND WHO MAKES THE FINAL DETERMINATION AS TO THE CHARACTER OF THE RESEARCH - THE COASTAL STATE, THE RESEARCHING STATE, OR A DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM. ADDITIONALLY, COORDINATION AMONG LIKE-MINDED NATIONS IN AMORPHOUS GROUP WAS CLOSE AND EFFECTIVE IN LAST THREE DAYS OF MEETING. A MEETING OF AMORPHOUS GROUP AT HEAD OF DELEGATION LEVEL WAS HELD UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF RIPHAGEN OF NETHERLANDS AND, ALTHOUGH DISCUSSION WAS PURELY TACTICAL, IT SET POTENTIALLY USEFUL PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE MEETINGS AT THIS LEVEL.DALE

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